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I arrived at Bethesda Hospital at 9:15 this morning, and had a cardiogram taken as well as [redacted] x-rays of my fractured vertebrae. The cardiogram showed a normal heart condition.

E. and I went to Dan Kimball's office in the Pentagon, and witnessed Brewster Jennings being decorated with the Distinguished Public Service Award. Kate was also there, and afterwards they were photographed from every angle.

George Humphrey phoned me this morning from Cleveland. I had promised Bill Draper to get hold of him last week, if possible, to talk [redacted] about his making a trip to Europe to inquire into the operations of the Schuman Plan. George, however, was in Labrador last week, and is coming down here to see me shortly.

I had lunch in the office today for Colonel Besson, of the French Ministry of Defense, and Misses Helen Kirkpatrick and Mary Trent.

Brewster Jennings called on me this afternoon and discussed the possibility of a Presidential commission to deal with the oil cartel matter.

Ferdinand Kuhn came in. He is warmly pro-Stevenson. He wished to get [redacted] background information on the Tunisian question, which is before the United Nations, and on the Iranian situation.

Gene Black came to see me and talked of his conversation with Camille Gutt about what might be done in Iran. It is expected [redacted] the Iranians will break off their diplomatic relations with the British tomorrow.

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The Alsop-Lapp artic appeared in the Saturday Evening Post issue [redacted] was distributed to us this afternoon. It is too early yet to gauge the reaction to it. [redacted]

I went to a dinner tonight given by Ed Foley for Stephen Mitchell, [redacted] Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. There were about 40 men present, most of them of considerable importance in the Democratic political hierarchy. The only Government employees there were Ed, John Snyder, Tom Finletter and myself. Mitchell was [redacted] optimistic about the election and thinks Stevenson will win with a large electoral vote although he expects Eisenhower's popular vote to be great. His Committee is badly in need of money. His estimate is that $2,700,000 will be required for expenses for the last two weeks of the campaign.

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